

the great mountain wilderness around the head of Spring Creek and but for one more tragedy she rounded out a peaceful and contented life in her mountain home.

In 1880 the country rang with the news of the killing of Thomas Reed by Kenos Douglas. Douglas lay in a laurel patch for five weeks in the dead of winter, but was captured and given a life sentence. Kenos was a son of Joshua and Nancy Hart Douglas. This is the story of a heroine of the Civil War.

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(I have made considerable inquiry about this woman and as near as I can find out she lived Pocahontas and the Reeds lived in Greenbrier, and for that reason the trial was held at Lewisburg.)

JOHN BROWN IN POCAHONTAS

John Brown of Harper's Ferry bought wool in this county in the 1850's. He spent Sunday in Marlinton. Held family prayer but did not kneel. He sat in his chair talking to God. Was a deeply religious man who would not travel on Sunday.

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THE COMING OF JAMES HENRY G. WILSON TO MARLINTON

About the year 1894, the Prices one day received a letter from Wilson in England saying he was just out of college, of athletic turn, with a thousand pounds capital, and would like to obtain footing in the United States. They wrote him to come and see for himself. About the first of September he came with his boxes, driving through from Belington in a spring wagon he had chartered there; a little drive of 70 miles. He had lost his way and suffered exhaustion. The right way would have been to come to Millboro, Va. where he could have gotten here in 46 miles and his boxes would have come by covered wagon trains that ran summer and winter.

But he found comfortable quarters and an understanding people. He even found a countryman already stopping here. The first evening they made a bet. Wilson bet the other that he, the tenderfoot, would catch a hundred bass before winter set in, and by the way he won the bet to the astonishment of everyone. The people of Marlinton knew how to deal with Englishmen. Three cardinal rules: Ask no prying questions, give him a bed to himself, and a small hand tub to bathe in, and the world is his. It was in this way that James Henry G. Wilson came to Marlinton where he spent the rest of his life. He was just out of Oxford, and he had played on the *rugby* football team, he had also played as an international. He got stuck with a horse

the day after he arrived, a kind of an outlaw among horses,
heavy on his feet and with a mean disposition. Wilson changed
his name to Satan. Afterwards when he had become an expert wi-
th horses he acquired Toby the beautiful sorrel, and the dog
Major. The trio were known and welcome far and wide.

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Battle of Droop Mountain

History

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This was a decisive battle in that it expelled the Confederates from that section of N. Va. and from there on to the end of the war.

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